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12 May 2008

Dear Interested Party:

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is beginning the process of completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the following State Trust land described as Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 12 East in Sweet Grass County (see attached map). This parcel was proposed for lease to develop wind exploration and energy facilities under a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the DNRC in 2005. Coyote Wind, LLC was the successful respondent to this RFP and is proposing to construct wind turbines on the Trust land. Additionally, this section was previously identified in a statewide study of Trust lands as having characteristics that would be conducive to wind energy development. An anemometer was subsequently erected on the site and wind data was collected and utilized in the RFP process.

The DNRC Southern Land Office is currently conducting an analysis under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) of the impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed land lease.

The DNRC Southern Land Office has contacted you as an interested party as a part of the scoping process for the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and would appreciate any comments that you have regarding the proposed lease of this parcel. If you have comments on this proposal, they will be accepted until 5 p.m. on 13 June 2008 and can be sent to:

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1371 Rimtop Drive
Billings, MT 59105
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DNRC Southern Land Office and Coyote Wind, LLC will be hosting a public meeting on 29 May 2008 from 6-9 pm at the Big Timber Carnegie Library, 314 McLeod Street, regarding this wind energy proposal. DNRC will also be taking comments at that time or they can be sent to the address listed above.

Additional information on the Montana Environmental Policy Act can be found at <http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/mepa/mepaforpublic.asp>. Please feel free to contact me at jbollman@mt.gov or (406) 247-4404 with any questions.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JB", followed by a horizontal line.

Jeff Bollman, AICP
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12 May 2008 – Springdale Wind Farm EIS Scoping Map Attachment

